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Healthcare Freedom in Michigan
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Healthcare Freedom Position Paper: MDHHS Vaccine Waiver Rule

Michigan has growing pains: conflict between traditional thought and observational challenges to the vaccine theory. Accepted wisdom alters with time, but certain truths do not.

1. This country's foundation is one of individual worth and rights to life, liberty, and property including conscience. Government's task is limited to securing those rights. The theory of herd immunity backed with force of law is in direct opposition to these bedrock principles. This should be openly acknowledged, and minimized to the greatest extent possible.

2. The family is the building block of society. Amid decline of the family, today's parents carry huge burdens of self-doubt, insecurity, and guilt as reported by authorities on both ends of the political spectrum. Yet no one knows their children better, cares more, or is more present or able to provide for child health and welfare. And when parents retreat from their rights and responsibilities to do so, we see evidence such as the current Michigan budget process struggling to pick up families' slack with growing social programs.

4. Educational excellence depends upon school and family collaboration, yet this relationship is troubled by distrust and unclear lines of authority, anecdotally worsened by this rule.

"Protecting a child through immunization is a parent's decision, taken in discussion with their doctor."
- US FDA. That is the ideal.

Michigan fiscal, educational, and health policy is best served by strong families. For the greater good in MI during this period of vaccine controversy, the state's best position is restoring the family/societal balance by

- working with the federal government toward consistent reporting and open publication of VAERS data for all to see and judge vaccine harm for themselves. Secrecy breeds ignorance and fear, impeding informed decisions.
- ratcheting down the pressure upon free family choice by full reversal of the MDHHS rule
- returning vaccine choice to private patient-physician decisions. Making government-controlled public health departments mandatory in that process is dangerously intrusive.
- Michigan should clearly reinforce the natural parental responsibility of the entire raising of their children, including healthcare decisions such as waiver statements to public schools.

Sources available upon request.

Impact of Vaccines in the 20th & 21st Centuries

Comparison of 20th Century Annual Morbidity & Current Morbidity

Disease	20 th Century Annual Morbidity*	2013 Reported Cases [†]	% Decrease
Smallpox	29,005	0	100%
Diphtheria	21,053	0	100%
Pertussis	200,752	28,639	86%
Tetanus	580	26	96%
Polio (paralytic)	16,316	1	>99%
Measles	530,217	187	>99%
Mumps	162,344	584	>99%
Rubella	47,745	9	>99%
CRS	152	1	99%
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	20,000 (est.)	31 [§]	>99%

Sources:

* JAMA. 2007;298(18):2155-2163

† CDC. MMWR August 15, 2014;63(32):702-715. (MMWR 2013 final data)

§ *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) <5 years of age. An additional 10 cases of Hib are estimated to have occurred among the 185 reports of Hi (<5 years of age) with unknown serotype.

Comparison of Pre-Vaccine Era Estimated Annual Morbidity with Current Estimate

Disease	Pre-Vaccine Era Annual Estimate	2013 Estimate (unless otherwise specified)	% Decrease
Hepatitis A	117,333*	2,890 [†]	98%
Hepatitis B (acute)	66,232*	18,800 [†]	72%
Pneumococcus (invasive)			
All ages	63,067*	33,500 [§]	47%
<5 years of age	16,069*	1,900 [§]	88%
Rotavirus (hospitalizations <3 years of age)	62,500 [‡]	12,500 ^{**}	80%
Varicella	4,085,120*	167,490 ^{††}	96%

Sources:

* JAMA. 2007;298(18):2155-2163

† CDC. Viral Hepatitis Surveillance – United States, 2011

§ CDC. Active Bacterial Core surveillance Provisional Report; *S. pneumonia* 2013.

‡ CDC. Unpublished, Active Bacterial Core surveillance

** CDC. MMWR. February 6, 2009 / 58(RR02); 1-25

†† New Vaccine Surveillance Network 2013 data (unpublished); U.S. rotavirus disease now has biennial pattern

††† CDC. Varicella Program 2013 data (unpublished)

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IMMUNIZATION WAIVER FORM

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS:

Sections 9208 and 9211 of the Michigan Public Health Code require that a parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis* applying to have a child registered for the first time in a Michigan school and/or in 7th grade, or in a program of group residence, care, or camping in this state shall present to officials at the time of registration or no later than the first day of school or program enrollment a certificate of immunization verifying that the child has been vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox). Pneumococcal conjugate and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccines are also required for preschool-aged children. Meningococcal vaccine and Tdap are also required for children who are 11 years of age or older upon entry into 7th grade or higher and newly enrolled in the district.

A parent or guardian wishing to exempt his or her child from a particular vaccination must provide a written statement indicating the religious or philosophical objections to the vaccination(s). This waiver must be certified by the local health department. A child who has been exempted from a vaccination is considered susceptible to the disease or diseases for which the vaccination offers protection. The child may be subject to exclusion from the school or program, if the local and/or state public health authority advises exclusion as a disease control measure.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge that I have been informed that I may be placing my child and others at risk of serious illness should he or she contract a disease that could have been prevented through proper vaccination.

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN BELOW:

I object to having my child, Little Michigander, born 00-00-year, immunized with the vaccines I have checked below:
(First & Last Name) (Birth Date)

- ☐ DTaP, DT, Td, Tdap (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
- ☐ Polio
- ☐ Hepatitis B
- ☐ MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)

- ☐ *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- ☐ Pneumococcal Conjugate
- ☐ Varicella (chickenpox)
- ☐ Meningococcal

Reason: Philosophical or Religious Reason described.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: Mrs. M. Michigander

Address: Any Street GR MI 49000

Telephone: 616-xxx-xxxx

Any School, Preschool, or Childcare

Preschool Program or Licensed Day Care Center OR School Name (Required)

Parent or Guardian's Signature Mrs. Michigander

00-00-year

Date Signed

XXXX RN

00-00-year

Date Signed

Local Health Department Signature

Stamp

File in the child's permanent record and send a copy to your local health department.

*Condition of acceptance is based on local health department policies.

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